Setting up of an Atomic Pawer Pint in A.P.

*158. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of an atomic power plant in A. P.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal in the Eighth Five Year Plan for setting up of an atomic power plant in Andhra Pradesh. However, Site investigations in Andhra Pradesh are in progress as part of ongoing work for the future programme of this Department.

Wage negotiations in PSUs

*159. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that long overdue wage negotiations of public sector undertakings are yet to begin;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Wage selflaments in most major Public Sector Enterprises expired by December, 1991. The Tripartite DA Committee set up in September, 1988 finalised its recommendations at its final meeting on 23-7-1992. Government is yet to take a decision on those recommendations which are related to wage policy for the next round of wage negotiations.

Hike in prices of anti-tuberculosis drugs

*160. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for increase in the prices of anti-tuberculosis drugs during the past eighteen months;

(b) whether the increase was approved by Government;

(c) if so, the names of the medicines, their manufacturers and their prices as on April 1, 1991 and as on October 31, 1992; and

(d) the reasons for approving such drastic increase in the prices of these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a), (b) and (d) All major tuberculosis drugs are under price control and the increases in the prices of these drugs are regulated by the Government in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. During the last two years there have been increases in the prices of some of these bulk drugs due to rise in the costs of inputs for the production of these drugs.

(c) Details asked for are given in the statement below ':—